

HEALTH STATUS

: 95% confidence interval.

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TOBACCO USE/OPINION

QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Time in Past Month

- Health insurance coverage:
All year
Part of year
None
- In the last year had:
Routine check-up
Pap smear (Female)
Clinical breast exam
Mammogram (F 50+)
- Current cigarette smoker:
Male
Female
- Overweight:
Male
Female
- In the past month...
...had 60 or more drinks:
Male
Female
...had 5 or more drinks on one occasion:
Male
Female
...drove after having too much to drink:
Male
Female
- Does not always use safety belt:
Male
Female

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Behavioral Risk Factor Survey is a representative, statewide telephone survey of Wisconsin household residents 18 years and older. Respondents are selected through a stratified random sample and results are weighted to account for both nonresponse and sample design, and to adjust for the age-sex distribution of Wisconsin's population. The survey questions were designed in cooperation with the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Survey sampling and interviewing were conducted by the Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Extension.

In 1995, 1,569 respondents were 18 to 54 years old, and 641 were 55 or older (of these, 514 were 60 or older). There were 1,562 respondents in 1994 and 1,260 in 1990.

Columns labeled (+/-%) indicate the 95% confidence interval associated with each estimate. For example, for all adults whose health is excellent or very good (59%), there is a 95% chance that the actual percentage falls within the range of plus or minus 2 percentage points (57%-61%).

"Personal care" includes tasks such as eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around the house (activities of daily living).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided the following definitions: **Smokers** are those who smoke currently and have smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime.

Overweight is defined by the Body Mass Index (BMI), a calculation (weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) using self-reported height and weight. A BMI greater than 27.3 for females and 27.8 for males is considered overweight.

The at-risk population for **safety belt** usage is respondents who reported that they "sometimes," "seldom," or "never" wear seat belts when driving or riding in a car. A **drink** of alcohol is defined as one can or bottle of beer, one glass of wine, one can or bottle of wine cooler, one cocktail, or one shot of liquor.

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